(b) if so, the year-wise details for the last three years;

(c) whether Government have provided any marketing support to this sector in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) and (b) No assistance has been provided to Government of Maharashtra for this purpose. However, under the Plan Schemes of the Ministry, assistance has been provided through Marine Products Export Development Authority for setting up of fish processing units in the State of Maharashtra as follows:—

Year	*Amount (Rs. in lakhs)*
1993-94	67.50
1994-95	—
1995-96	15.47

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Shahpur Kandi Dam in Punjab

2520. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether foundation stone for construction of Shahpur Kandi Dam cum 168 MW power project in Punjab was laid on 20th April, 1995;

(b) if so, the estimated project cost in April, 1995 and the funding source envisaged during clearance of the project;

(c) whether any global tender for pre-qualification for execution of the project was floated;

(d) whether bilateral negotiations are being held with a Korean firm for the above project; if so, the basis of such negotiations; and

(e) when the CEA's Techno-economic clearance was obtained and whether CEA has been apprised of the global pre-qualification bid as well the present bilateral negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The foundation stone for construction of the Shahpur Kandi Dam-cam-168 MW power project was laid on 20th April, 1995.

(b) The project is expected to cost Rs. 1038 crores at April, 1995 price level.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Punjab Government invited pre-qualification bids from Indian/ foreign parties for development of 168 MW Shahpur Kandi Dam Project on BOO/BOT basis.

(d) Bilateral negotiations are being held between M/s. Daewoo Corporation, South Korea and the Government of Punjab on the basis of the offer of M/s. Daewoo Corporation.

(e) The techno-economic clearance for the Shahpur Kandi Dam Project was received from the Central Electricity Authority on 10th March, 1992. As per the State Government, Central Electricity Authority can be apprised of the final price bid and technical bid emerging from the bilateral negotiations after they are received from M/s. Daewoo Corporation.

Amount sanctioned by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

2521. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research to various NGOs during 1995-96 and a"s on date, for transfer of technology;

(b) whether the Council sanctioned funds to such NGOs whose existence is in doubt or which have been black-listed by CAPART or which have surfaced just to utilise the funds;

(c) whether the Council gave the work of transfer of technology to the nontechnical persons without any experience in the field; and